

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

As a preliminary matter, the Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 11, 12 and 14, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 10 of the present application.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 10 and 13 have been amended, and claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application. Thus, claims 10-14 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed on February 21, 2007, claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyazawa, U.S. Patent No. 4,661,860 ("Miyazawa"). Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tseng et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,724,094 ("Tseng") in view of Miyazawa. It is noted that claim 9 has been canceled, and claims 10 and 13 have been amended. To the extent that the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicant hereby traverses the rejection, as follows.

Claims 10 and 13 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

As indicated in the Office Action, claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant submits that claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form,

including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and is therefore allowable.

Similarly, with respect to claim 13, the Applicant submits that this claim has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 10, and is therefore also allowable.

Claims 11, 12 and 14 are Allowed

As indicated in the Office Action, claims 11, 12 and 14 are allowed.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 10 and 13 are in condition for allowance, and claims 11, 12 and 14 are allowed. A Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

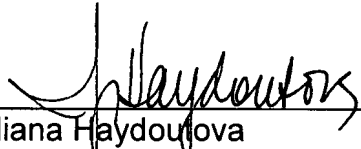
Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this

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